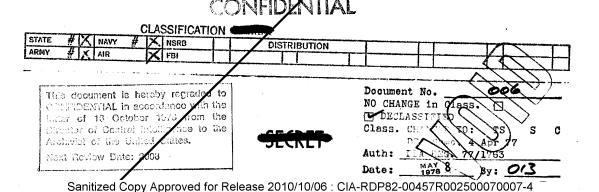
- 1. Approximately 1500 skilled technicians whose services were contracted for in advance by the Argentine government are reported to have arrived recently in Argentina. Among them are Germans in large majority, and anti-Communist nationals of Soviet satellite countries.
- 2. Preference is being given by the Argentine government to individuals skilled in chemistry and military production. They are carefully chosen by Argentine Military Attaches abroad on the basis of their capabilities and past performances. Excellent accommodations and treatment are provided by the Argentine government and employment is given them in various Argentine government agencies. No Jews are accepted.
- 3. Despite their technical abilities and the equipment which they brought with them, the technicians are said to be handicapped in their work in Argentina by the lack of essential equipment which cannot be imported to Argentina because of the critical dollar shortage.
- A recent arrival in Buenos Aires, whose trip may have been sponsored by the Argentine government as part of its program to bring skilled German technicians to Argentina, is one Friedrich Grimm. A German national traveling with an Austrian passport, Grimm arrived with his wife and three children in Buenos Aires on 29 January 1949, aboard the Italian ship ANNA C. Before boarding the ANNA C. in Lisbon, Grimm stayed with his family for a long period at the Palace Hotel, Luria, Portugal. They were provided with first class accommodations by the Argentine government and were allowed to transport any amount of household and personal effects.
- 5. Grimm is an electronics engineer. He claims to have been employed for ten years prior to the war in the television section of Telefunken, the German communications combine. He is at present under contract to the Argentine government and is working in Fabricaciones Militares (Military Factories) of the Ministry of War. However, Grimm hopes to eventually come to the United States. He states that progress in Fabricaciones Militares is so unsatisfactory that he is unable



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Comment. A Friedrich Grimm was formerly attached to the German Embassy in Buenos Aires. On the night of 13 March 1943, his home in Beccar, FCCA, was raided by the Argentine police in an attempt to locate a radio transmitter said to be operated clandestinely by Grimm. Grimm claimed that the equipment removed during the raid was the property of the German Embassy. After a lengthy correspondence between the German Embassy and the Argentine Foreign Office, the equipment was returned to Grimm. Additional information available indicates that Grimm was born in Vienna on 30 August 1907, is married, is an engineer by profession, and arrived in Argentina on 9 March 1939 traveling on a German passport issued in Berlin. A postal intercept indicated that he had strong Nazi sentinents. Together with his family, he was repatriated with the German diplomatic mission in Argentina on 6 July 1944.



